MINUTES

OF

The Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1912

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk,
Marshville, N. C.

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SPRING AND FALL SESSION

1912.

Twenty-Eighth Spring Session, held with the Church at New Zion, Cabarrus County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1912. Also of the Eighty-First Annual or Fall Session, held with the Church at Meadow Creek, Stanly County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1912.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Spring Session, 1912.

New Zion, Cabarrus County, N. C., May 4, 1912.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. Service opened with praise and prayer by Elder A. J. Taylor, a visitor.

Introductory sermon then preached by Elder T. M. Stanley, visitor from Silver Creek. Text, St. John, 3rd chapter and 7th verse.

Intermission one hour. Then convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder J. E. Williams. Then proceeded to business, Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for letters from the Churches. They were handed in and read by H. M. Baucom.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats. Brother Samuel Snyder, of Abbotts Creek, was present and seated.

4. Invited visiting ministers and laymen from sister associations to seats. Present from Silver Creek Elder T. M. Stanley; from Nolachucka, Tenn, Elder Samuel McMillon; from the Tennessee Association of Tenn., Elders A. J. Taylor, J. W. Shurfield and Bro. Jonas Taylor; from Salem, Elders C. A. Davis and M. L. Willard; from Abbotts Creek were Brethren C. W. Young, D. P. Broadaway, C. B. Owens and P. M. Foster, all of whom were welcomed.

5. Appointed on Committee on Arrangements, Brethren D. B. Howard, S. L. Mullis and Aaron Furr, with moderator and clerk.

6. Appointed the following ministers to preach at the stand on to-morrow, to-wit: M. L. Willard, T. M. Stanley, J. W. Shurfield and Samuel McMillon. Service to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

7. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday A. M.. Benediction by the moderator.

Preaching at the stand Saturday evening by Elders C. A. Davis and J. W. Shurfield.

Sunday's Preaching at the Stand.

Assembled at 10 o'clock A. M. Preaching first by Elder M. L. Willard. Text, contents of 5th chapter of Isaiah; followed by Elder J. W. Shurfield from these words: "The

world by wisdom knows not God."

Intermission one hour. Service continued by Elder Samuel McMillon from this Scripture: "That which is born of flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit," and closed with short exhortation by Elder H. M. Williams.

Monday Morning, May 7th.

Reconvened in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis.

8. Called on Arrangement Committee to report. Report was read and adopted.

9. Called names of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

10. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Brother Sam Snyder, of Abbotts Creek reported that they were in peace. Elder T. M. Stanley reported the same for Silver Creek.

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder Mills reported that he attended the Mill Branch Association, found them in peace and had good meetisg.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. No report.

13. That we return thanks to God, this Church and people of the vicinity for kindness and hospitality during the meeting.

14. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes. Benediction by the moderator.

While the association was in session in the house preaching services were conducted at the stand by Elders C. A. Davis, Samuel McMillon and B. L. Treece. This was a fine meeting indeed.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

Messengers Spring Session, 1912.

Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, J. A. Barbee, Aaron Furr.

Bethany—By letter.

Brooms Grove—Elder H. M. Williams, T. M. Broom, W. E. Williams.

Concord—J. D. Carriker, D. S. Blake.

Clarks Grove—E. Barber, S. B. Tucker, Jas. Helms.

Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, J. M. Austin.

Freedom—Not represented.

High Hill—C . A. Helms, S. A. Helms*, W. M. Clontz*.

Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, R. B. Burrus, D. B. Howard.

Jerusalem—J. W. Godwin, T. F. Mills, W. A. Helms*.

Jones Hill—Fulton Curlee, W. H. Howard*, J. S. Little*.

Liberty—Not represented.

Liberty Hill—C. W. Safley, R. T. Burrus, W. H. Hinson*.

Lawyers Spring—S. Edwards, H. M. Baucom, J. W. Jones.

Meadow Creek—J. A. Barbee, H. Shoe, D. M. Hathcock.

Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. C. Miller, J. E. Russell*.

New Zion—S. M. Underwood.

Pleasant Hill—Eli Liles, Sam, Rimmer, J. S. Norris*.

Pleasant Grove—J. A. Jones*, C. E. Griffin, T. A. Helms*.

Running Creek—W. H. Hatley*, J. H. McClure, G. M. Tucker.

Union Grove—T. F. Hill, T. A. McClellan, C. S. Medlin*.

Watson—S. L. Mullis, Joel Mullis*, E. C. Williams.

Wadesboro—Not represented.

Absentees marked thus *.

PROCEEDINGS.

Fall Session, 1912.

Meadow Creek, Stanly County, N. C.,
October 5, 1912.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M., and the introductory sermon delivered by Elder J. F. Mills from 1st verse of 23rd Psalms.

Intermission one hour. Then the ministers and messengers present met in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder C. A. Davis, after which proceeded to business in the following order, Elder Mills presiding:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches. These were handed in and read by H. M. Baucom, the reading clerk.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Received and read a letter from a newly organized Primitive Baptist Church at Albemarle, N. C., seeking admittance into the Union, which was granted and their messengers seated in council and the right hand of fellowship extended them by the moderator on behalf of the association.

4. Invited corresponding messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder B. H. Harrelson, of Mill Branch, and Elder W. T. Broadaway, of Abbotts Creek, were present and seated.

5. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations also to seats. Elders P. W. Willard and C. A. Davis, of Salem, and Brother A. N. Surratt, of Abbotts Creek, and Brother F. Beam, of Silver Creek, and Jonas Taylor, of Tennessee Associations, were present and seated.

6. Appointed on Committee of Arrangements Elder J. E. Williams and Brothers Aaron Furr and S. L. Mullis, with moderator and clerk.

7. Appointed on Committee of Finance Brothers H. M. Baucom and S. A. Helms.

8. Appointed the foollowing ministers to preach at the stand on to-morrow, to-wit: P. W. Willard, C. A. Davis, W. T. Broadaway and B. H. Harrelson. Service to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

9. Adjourned to half-past nine Monday A. M.

Preaching service at the stand Saturday P. M. by Elders C. A. Davis and P. W. Willard.

Sunday Services, October 6th.

Elder P. W. Willard preached first. Text 14th verse of 10th chapter of Ezekiel, followed by Elder C. A. Davis from Luke 19th chapter and 10th verse.

Intermission one hour. Then service continued by Elder W. T. Broadaway from 17th verse of 1st chapter of St. John, and closed by Elder B. H. Harrelson from 16th chapter and 18th verse of Matthew. These brethren were greatly blessed of the Spirit to preach the gospel in demonstration and power and the hearers were much comforted and edified.

Monday Morning, October 7th.

Reconvened in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder Henry Taylor. Then proceeded to the regular order of business.

10. Called on Committee of Arrangements to report. The same was read and adopted.

11. Called the names of messengers, noted absentees, and read Rules of Decorum.

12. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Elder H. M. Williams reported that himself and Elder W. R. Helms attended the Silver Creek

Association and were received and had good meeting; also Brother D. B. Howard attended the Abbotts Creek Association and was received. Other brethren appointed failed to attend but were excused. Received file of minutes from Mill Branch and Center Associations.

13. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder W. T. Broadaway reported the Abbotts Creek Association in peace and unity. Elder B. H. Harrelson reported the same for Mill Branch Association.

14. Appointed correspondence with sister associations as follows:

To Abbotts Creek we send as messengers Elders J. E. Williams, W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams, Bro. T. M. Broom, and file of minutes.

To Salem, file of minutes.

To Center, file of minutes.

To Mill Branch, Elders J. F. Mills, Henry Taylor, and file of minutes.

To Silver Creek, Elders J. E. Williams, W. R. Helms, H. M. Williams, Bro. T. M. Broom, and file of minutes.

To Mountain District, file of minutes.

15. Called for reports from Presbyteries. Elder J. E. Williams reported that himself and Elder B. L. Treece and some deacons formed a Presbytery on Friday, August 2nd, 1912, at Albemarle, N. C., and organized and constituted the Primitive Baptist Church there. Elder Henry Taylor reported that himself and Elders W. C. Edwards and H. M. Williams formed a Presbytery at High Hill on first Sunday in June, 1912, and ordained Bro. S. A. Helms a deacon, and that himself and Elder J. E. Williams and Deacon Austin formed a Presbytery on Saturday before the third Sunday in July, 1912 at Crooked Creek and ordained Brothers H. E. Rowell and I. H. Little deacons, and also that himself and Elders W. C. Edwards and J. F. Mills formed a Presbytery on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1912, at Liberty and ordained Brothers D. S. Jones and S. D. Outen deacons.

16. Treasurer reports, left over from last year__$ 2.10
17. Finance Committee reports, sent up this year $32.90

Total minute fund _____$35.00

18. That the next Spring Session of this Association be held with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Iredell County,

N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1913, and that Elder Henry Taylor is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder W. C. Edwards alternate, and that the Fall or Annual Session be held with the church at Lawyers Spring, Anson County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1913, and that Elder J. E. Williams is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. F. Mills alternate.

19. That the clerk send notices of above meetings to "The Landmark" and Primitive Baptist for publication.

20. That the clerk superintend the printing of 800 copies of these minutes and distribute them as usual and receive same allowance as last year for services.

21. That each Church of this Association is requested to consider the advisability of dividing this Association into two bodies, making Rocky River the line, and report their decision to the next Fall Session at Lawyers Spring.

22. That we return sincere thanks to God, this Church and people of the vicinity for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and cared for during this meeting .

23. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by the moderator.

Monday preaching services were conducted at the stand by Elders P. W. Willard, C. A. Davis and B. H. Harrelson.

This was a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting and was largely attended every day and much interest manifested and we believe the Lord was glorified in these services.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk, Marshville, N. C.

FALL SESSION, 1912.

Church Clerks and Their Addresses.

Albemarle—W. H. Hinson, Albemarle, N. C.

Bear Creek, Aaron Furr, Bloomington, N. C.

Bethany—Miss Jane P. Jones, Route 2, Wadesboro, N. C.

Brooms Grove—J. P. Huneycutt, Monroe, N. C.

Concord, D. S. Blake, Concord, N. C.

Clarks Grove—J. L. Helms, Locust Level, N. C.

Crooked Creek—H. E. Rowell, Route 2, Indian Trail, N. C.

Freedom—A. J. Deese, Whitley, N. C.

High Hill—S. A. Helms, Monroe, N. C.
Howards Chapel—P. A. Howard, Route 1, Norwood, N. C.
Jersulaem—J. W. Godwin, Route 2, Marshville, N. C.
Jones Hill—J. S. Little, Big Lick, N. C.
Liberty, Oscar Broom, Route —, Monroe, N. C.
Liberty Hill—C. W. Safley, Bridgeport, N. C.
Lawyers Spring, J. W. Jones, Marshville, N. C.
Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, Locust Level, N. C.
Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.
New Zion—S. M. Underwood, Route 7, Concord, N. C.
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Route 2, Barber, N. C.
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C.
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, Route 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Union Grove—I. N. Medlin, Monroe, N. C.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Route —, Monroe, N. C.
Wadesboro—W. D. Edwards, Polkton, N. C.

Communion Meetings.

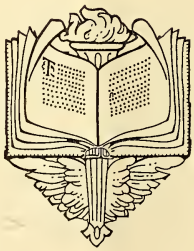
Albemarle—Third Sunday in September.
Bear Creek—First Sunday in August.
Bethany—Third Sunday in August.
Brooms Grove—Fourth Sunday in September.
Concord—Third Sunday in June.
Clarks Grove—Second Sunday in July.
Croked Creek—Third Sunday in July.
Freedom—Fourth Sunday in September.
High Hill—First Sunday in September.
Howards Chapel—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September.
Jerusalem—Second Sunday in August.
Jones Hill—Third Sunday in September.
Liberty—Fourth Sunday in July.
Liberty Hill—Fourth Sunday in July.
Lawyers Spring—First Sunday in August.
Meadow Creek—Third Sunday in August.
Mountain Creek—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September.
New Zion—Second Sunday in June.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in June.
Pleasant Grove—Second Sunday in July.
Running Creek—Second Sunday in August.
Union Grove—Second Sunday in September.
Watson—Fourth Sunday in May.
Wadesboro—Not settled upon.

Financial Statement, 1912.

Left over from last year		$ 2.10
Sent up this year		32.90
		$35.00
For printing these minutes	$12.00	
Allowance to clerk	8.00	
Total expense	$20.00	$20.00
Balance on hand		$15.00

Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

Elder J. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C.
Elder J. E. Williams, Blomington, N. C.
Elder W. R. Helms, Mooresville, N. C.
Elder H. M. Williams, Indian Trail, N. C.
Elder Walter Edwards, Wingate, N. C.
Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.
Elder B. L. Treece, Albemarle, N. C.



STATISTICAL TABLE—FALL SESSION, 1912.

Churches and Names of Messengers.	Experience & Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution for Minutes
Albemarle—Israel Furr, W. H. Hinson, M. C. Furr	2	--	--	--	--	--	8	$ .50
Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, Jas. A. Barbee, Daniel Furr	--	--	--	3	--	--	32	1.50
Bethany—By letter	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	.80
Brooms Grove—W. E. Williams, W. P. Huneycutt*, Elder H. M. Williams	1	--	--	--	--	--	17	1.25
Concord—J. D. Carriker, D. S. Blake*	--	1	--	--	--	--	12	1.00
Clarks Grove—S. B. Tucker, J. F. Howell, J. L. Helms	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	1.20
Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, H. E. Rowell, L. L. Little	3	--	--	1	--	--	31	1.50
Freedom—A. J. Deese, J. A. Holt*	--	--	--	--	1	--	6	.75
High Hill—J. J. Hill, S. A. Helms, C. T. Mills	3	2	--	1	2	1	41	2.00
Howards Chapel—D. B. Howard, J. A. Hinson, R. B. Burrus	--	1	1	--	1	--	29	1.50
Jerusalem—J. W. Godwin, T. F. Mills, W. A. Helms	2	--	--	--	--	--	14	1.50
Jones Hill—Adam Morton, Henry Howard, H. F. Curlee	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	1.50
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, Oscar Broom, S. D. Outen	6	1	--	--	--	1	26	2.00
Liberty Hill—C. W. Safly, W. H. Hinson, R. McIntyre	2	--	--	1	1	--	25	1.30
Lawyers Spring—Elder W. C. Edwards, H. M. Baucom, J. W. Jones	1	--	--	--	--	--	31	2.30
Meadow Creek—H. Shoe, Aaron Barbee, D. M. Hathcock	--	--	--	--	1	--	24	1.50
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. E. Russell, J. S. Miller	--	--	--	--	--	--	15	1.25
New Zion—S. M. Underwood, James Broom*	2	--	--	--	1	1	8	1.00
Pleasant Hill—Sam Rimmer, E. J. Liles, J. M. Hartsell*	--	--	--	2	--	2	18	2.00
Pleasant Grove—J. A. Jones, J. S. Thomas, T. A. Helms	--	--	--	1	--	--	13	1.50
Running Creek—G. M. Tucker, J. W. Lambert, W. H. Hatley	1	--	--	--	--	--	15	1.25
Union Grove—J. T. Price, T. F. Hill, T. A. McClellan	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	1.50
Watson—E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis, S. L. Mullis	--	--	--	--	1	--	19	1.25
Wadesboro—W. D. Edwards*, W. A. Dry*	--	--	--	--	1	--	9	1.05
Absentees marked thus *.	--	--	--	--	--	--	467	$32.90

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. A moderator, or chief speaker, and clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2. The chief speaker, or moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the association be equally divided.

3. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the chief speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry and criticism.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the association.

5. No person shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6. No member of the association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7. The chief speaker or moderator shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8. The names of all the members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the association may require.

Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of the association shall be reproved by the association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We Believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in

nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only prefect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper comunicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God, and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

Form of Government (or Constitution) of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association,

which was adopted in the date of A. D., 1832, and has been in vogue ever since.

1st. The Association shall be composed of members duly chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to

represent them in the Association, who producing letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches, shall be expressed their members in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3rd. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Bear Creek Association, who shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power to infringe on the internal rights of the church, nevertheles in some cases, it becomes necessary to have some uniform rule of proceeding, viz.: when an offense may be committed by one church against another, we advise the church so offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction, and if she fail of success, she may call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the labors, and, if finally, satisfaction in the opinion of the helps cannot be obtained, then the aggrieved church may bring the case before the Association, whose duty it shall be to act on it; and also, when any serious difference may arise, in any individual church, which they all, after due labor had, cannot reconcile, we advise the church then to call in the aid of two or more churches in the union to assist in the work; and, if no satisfaction can be had, it may be brought before the Association, who shall act on it, and to further illustrate the mode of proceeding in the above cases, reference shall be had in the 18th chapter of the gospel by Matthew and other scripture, which respect discipline for the bringing to trial, and determining on the case of an individual member in an individual church, and the Association will take cognizance of no case of the kind unless the above proceeding be had thereon.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum, which they are authorized to form for themselves.

5th. The Association shall appoint a Chief Speaker or Moderator from among themselves for the time being, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum shall be attended to, take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before them; and a Clerk shall be appointed by the Association, whose duty it shall be to take a correct minute of the proceedings of the Association, keep a regular file of the minutes, who shall be at liberty to choose his assistant.

6th. New churches may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegate or delegates on examination, if found orthodox and orderly may be received and may be manifested by the Chief speaker or Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegate or delegates.

7th. Every church or delegate shall be entitled to representation in the Association, but shall not have more than three members from a church.

8th. Any query presented to the Association by any church in the union shall be read, on which the sense of the Association shall be taken, whether it be considered, and if there be a majority for taking it into consideration it shall be examined, otherwise it shall be withdrawn, nevertheless no query except such as relate to the general union shall be received from any church which has not been deliberately considered in the church in which it originated and which they cannot get satisfaction.

9th. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the person who made it together with his second.

10th. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of their proceedings, and in order to enable them to do it in the most convenient manner it is recommended that the churches should contribute such sums of money as they think proper and send by their messengers, which, when received, shall be put into the hands of the Treasurer appointed for that purpose, and shall be distributed as the Association may direct for the benefit of the churches.

11th. Presbyteries for the purpose of constituting churches, or acting in conjunction with the churches, in ordaining ministers or restoring those whose gifts have been suspended by excommunication to their former function, shall be composed of two or more ministers in the Union.

12. The Association shall provide for the general Union of the churches, preserve the chain of communication among them, give them advice in matters of difficulties, enquire into the cause why any churches fail to represent themselves in the Association, appropriate the money sent by the churches for Associational fund to any purpose they may think proper or necessary for the benefit of the churches, and appoint any member or members of the Asso-

ciation with his or their consent to transact any business for the benefit of the Union which they think proper.

13. The Association may withdraw from any church or churches that are disorderly in principle or practice.

14. The Association may, at its sitting, admit any distnat brethren, whose principles accord with theirs, to sit with them, who shall be at liberty to discourse upon any question, and give his light, but not permitted to vote except touching the general Union.

15th. All questions should be determined by a majority of members present, except in the reception of churches which should be unanimous.

16th. Two-thirds of the members form a quorum to do business.

17th. Amendments may be made to this form or government and to this constitution—a majority of the members being present.

18th. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Chief Speaker and Clerk.

19th. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they may think proper.